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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 76.2 degrees, 5.0 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, June 30. Precipitation averaged 0.63 inches, 0.40 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 10 points above normal.

Reporters rated 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, June 28. This is 0.5 days less than last year but 1.2 days more than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 5 percent very short, 28 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2002	6.0	6.2	39.1
2001	6.5	5.1	51.0
1997-2001 Average	4.8	5.1	54.9

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	5	28	64	3
Last Week	1	11	78	10
Same Week Last Year	1	23	72	4
1997-2001 Average	4	14	61	20

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS  
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 30

Last week’s weather conditions allowed Ohio producers to continue making good progress with field activities but many areas are in need of rain. Widely scattered showers that pushed through the Buckeye State late in the week

brought rainfall to some areas while others received little if any moisture. The dry conditions allowed producers to put the finishing touches on **tobacco** transplanting and **cucumber** planting, while allowing the State’s hay growers to continue making excellent progress with hay making activities. As of Sunday, the first cutting of **Alfalfa** was virtually completed with most growers working on the second cutting which currently stands at 15 percent. Current progress is in line with last year’s pace, but slightly behind the State’s five-year average. Eighty-eight percent of the first cutting of all **other hay** was harvested by week’s end with 7 percent of the acreage harvested for the second time. The majority of the State’s soybean growers continued applying herbicides last week but some were forced to replant parts of their fields due to poor stands. As of Sunday, 96 percent of the acreage had emerged compared to 98 percent last year and 97 percent for the five-year average. Soybean planting is virtually complete except for the small amount of double-cropped acreage. Recent weather conditions have led to a rapid drying down of the winter wheat crop and producers are busy preparing for the upcoming harvest. As of Sunday, nearly all of the State’s acreage had turned color and 18 percent was considered ripe. Harvest will be in full swing over the next few weeks if weather conditions remain favorable. Other agricultural activities taking place last week included, mowing pastures, side-dressing corn, preparing grain bins for winter wheat, hauling manure, harvesting vegetables, and spraying livestock and barns for flies.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

The majority of the State’s row crops continued to be rated in fair-to-good condition last week but field conditions were beginning to dry out. Some areas reported that corn was showing signs of stress and poor germination was reported in some recently planted soybean fields. The State’s hay acreage continued to be rated in mostly fair-to-good condition but insect pressure is building in some alfalfa fields. The majority of the State’s livestock are rated in good condition but high temperatures and increasing fly populations are causing stress.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 30

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting	98	96	95	86	NA
Alfalfa hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	15	15	20	7	NA
Cucumbers planted	100	83	NA	91	NA
Oats headed	77	90	89	57	40
Oats ripe	3	4	6	1	NA
Other hay 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting	88	90	88	68	NA
Other hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	7	5	8	3	NA
Soybeans emerged	96	98	97	83	91
Strawberries harvested	93	91	89	69	NA
Tobacco transplanted	99	98	NA	93	NA
Winter wheat turning color	98	98	92	66	NA
Winter wheat ripe	18	21	41	2	NA
Winter wheat harvested	2	3	8	0	34

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 30

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	10	36	44	8
Previous Week	2	11	34	44	9
Previous Year	1	5	23	55	16
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	9	32	48	9
Previous Week	2	9	29	51	9
Previous Year	1	8	30	52	9
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	20	66	11
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	36	51	5
Previous Week	1	4	32	53	10
Previous Year	1	3	24	63	9
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	33	50	8
Previous Week	1	4	25	59	11
Previous Year	1	4	24	58	13
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	36	45	8
Previous Week	2	9	36	46	7
Previous Year	3	9	30	48	10
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	29	50	12
Previous Week	2	7	29	50	12
Previous Year	1	5	22	56	16

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 30

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	77.3	5.8	0.58	-0.48	11.11	0.33	177	30	1143	30
North Central	76.9	5.9	0.23	-0.84	11.80	0.72	156	12	1114	37
Northeast	74.9	5.9	0.32	-0.67	12.74	1.59	148	15	1042	24
West Central	76.8	4.8	0.62	-0.50	14.21	2.29	158	8	1215	42
Central	76.5	4.7	0.63	-0.42	12.51	0.64	154	5	1230	35
Central Hills	75.7	5.6	0.50	-0.52	12.90	1.15	151	12	1132	41
Northeast Hills	74.9	5.0	0.59	-0.40	12.80	1.28	147	8	1126	16
Southwest	76.6	3.9	0.74	-0.20	17.17	4.29	157	2	1309	56
South Central	76.5	4.3	0.84	-0.14	14.52	2.96	155	3	1350	61
Southeast	75.4	4.5	0.96	-0.09	14.03	2.37	149	5	1246	48
STATE	76.2	5.0	0.63	-0.40	13.44	1.81	156	10	1199	40

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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